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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the listed items is enclosed.

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The listed items were cited in a report issued by the German Patent Office in the priority German application. US2002/060384 and U.S. Patent Nos. 6360675 and 5769400 respectively correspond to DE 100 56 929, DE 198 05 896 and DE 4234523, with English abstracts provided for the remaining references, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance under M.P.E.P. §609.

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- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application.
- To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
- Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii).
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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	2002/0060384	05/02	KAZMEIER ET AL.			11/01
	6360674	03/02	SCHULLER ET AL.			02/00
	5769400	06/98	HOLZL ET AL.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	
	10110878	09/01	GERMANY			
	10056929	05/02	GERMANY			
	19805896	07/99	GERMANY			
	19651138	06/97	GERMANY			
	4234523	04/94	GERMANY			
	1006036	06/00	EUROPEAN			
	94/22702	10/94	INTERNATIONAL			

Other Documents (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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